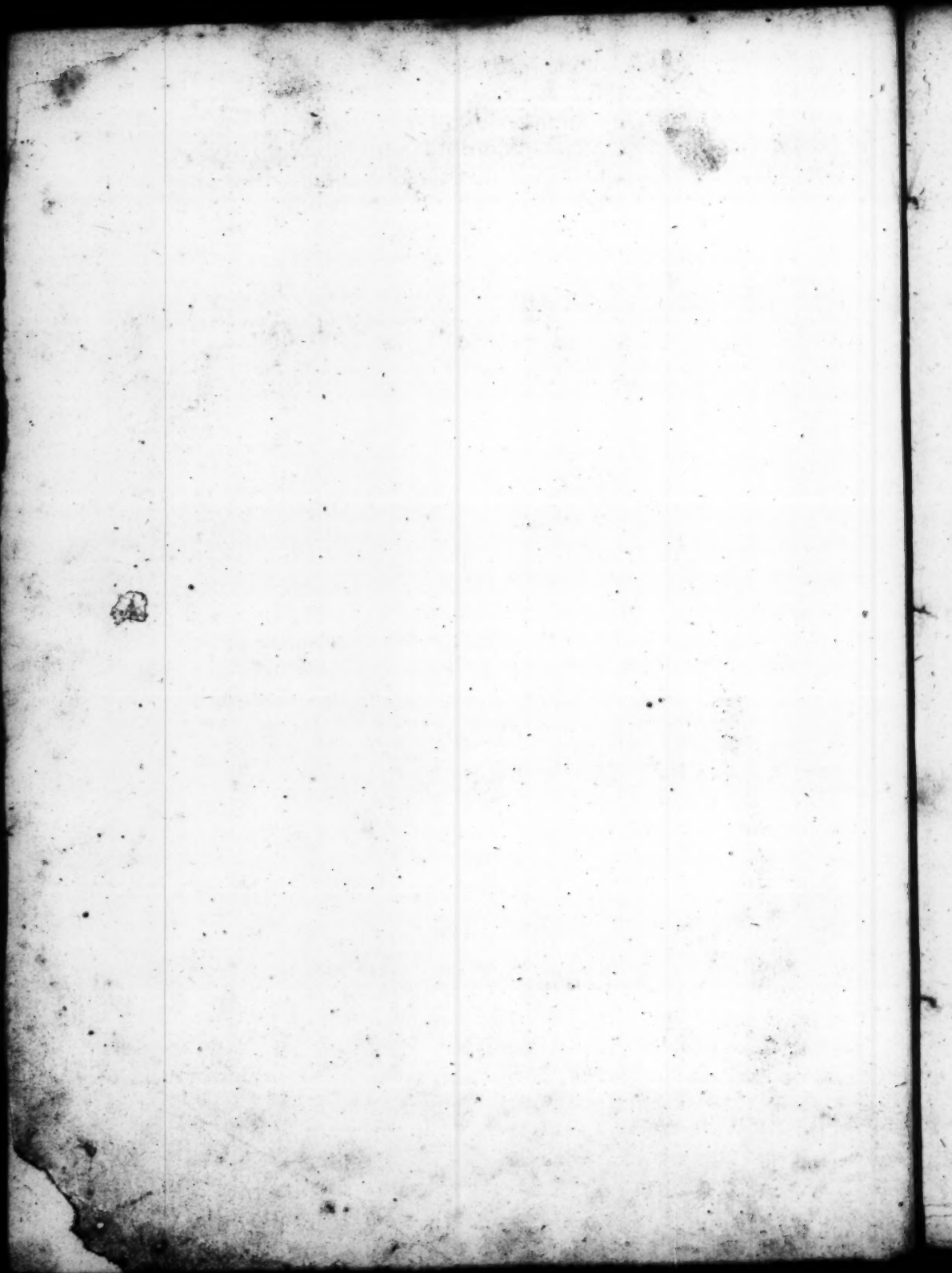


An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons
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Of explanation and enlargement of an
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Seizing and Sequestering the Estates
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Be it now Declared and Ordained by the said Lords and Commons assembled, That in the number of such Delinquents and Papists, who shall come within the compasse of the said former Ordinance, and to all Intents and Purposes to be proceeded against, as notorious Delinquents or Papists, expressly described in the said Ordinance, shall be reckoned and accounted, all such as voluntarily absenting themselves from the usual places of their abodes, or dwellings, Trade, Offices, or employments, and have gone, or shall go to any of the Kings armies, or other forces raised without consent of both Houses of Parliament, and have there continued, or shall there continue, and shall not within ten dayes after Seizure or Sequestration of their severall goods or estates, or stay made of their Remy-

by force of the said Ordinance (which said Sequestrators are hereby required to do) shew sufficient cause to be allowed by the Committee of the Countie, City, or Place in which the said Seizure or Sequestration, or stay of Rents, is, or shall be made, of such their absence, going, and continuing in any of the said Armies or Forces; And all such as shall fraudulently imbezzle, conceal, or convey away, all, or any part of their goods, money, or estate, without valuable consideration, or not bona fide, thereby preventing or avoiding the payment of any Taxes or Assessments laid upon them by any Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament, or any distress or seizure in case of non payment thereof, or that after any such Tax or Assessment laid on them, convey themselves away, or refuse to be spoken with, whereby any Tax or Assessment laid upon them by Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament cannot be executed upon them or their estates, according to the true meaning and purport thereof; or that have had any hand in the late horrid and desperate Conspiracy and Treason of *Waller, Tompkins, Chalkin*, and their Confederates, whether they be already, or hereafter shall be Convicted to be privie or consenting thereunto (except such as being not yet convicted shall discover and confesse all that they know thereof, within the time limited by both Houses of Parliament, to such person or persons as are or shall be appointed to take such discoveries and Confessions) or that shall sue or molest any person or persons who shall have yeilded obedience or conformitie unto the Orders, Ordinances,

nances, or Commands of both Houses of Parliament, or have been, or shall be employed by authority of both the said Houses for, or by reason of any thing done, or to be done, in execution or performance thereof, or that have willingly harboured any Popish Priests or Jesuites in their houses or dwellings since the 29 of November 1642. or that shall hereafter so harbour any: And all and every person or persons which at any time heretofore have been convicted of Popish Recusancy, and so continue, or that have been or shall be thereof Indicted, and such their Indictments removed by *Certiorari*, or being got removed shall not by appearance and Traverse be legally discharged, before Seizure or Sequestration made of their goods or estates, or stay of their Rents, by force of this, or the said former Ordinance; or that have been at Masse, at any time within one whole year before the 26 day of March 1643, or shall hereafter be at Masse; or whose Children or Grand children, or any of them living in house with them, or under their, or any of their Tuition and Government, shall be brought up in the Popish Religion.

And all such persons as being of the age of 21 years, or above, shall refuse to take the Oath hereafter expressed; which Oath, any two or more of the said Committees for Sequestration, in every County, City, or place respectively, or any 2 Justices of the Peace, or the Major, Bailiff, or other head Officer of any City or Town Corporate, shall have power to administer to any such person or persons: The Tenor of which Oath followeth, *in hac verba*, viz.

The Oath.

I A. B. Do abjure and renounce the Popes Supremacie and Authority over the Catholike Church in Generall, and over my Selve in Particular. And I do beleeye that there is not any Transubstantiation in the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, or in the Elements of Bread & Wine after Consecration thereof, by any person whatsoever; And I do also beleeye, that there is not any Purgatory; And that the Consecrated Host, Crucifixes, or Images, ought not to be worshipped, Neither that any worship is due unto any of them; And I also beleeye that Salvation cannot be Merited by Works. And all Doctrins in affirmation of the said Points, I do abjure & renounce, without any Equivocation, Mental Reservation, or secret Evasion whatsoever, taking the words by me spoken, according to the common and usuall meaning of them.

So help me God.

Shall

Shall forfeit as Papists within this and the said former Ordinances, and Seizure and Sequestration of two third parts of all their goods and estates Real and personall, and sale of such proportion of their goods so Seized and Sequestered, shall be made, and their rents and estates disposed of, in such manner and proportion, and by such persons as by the said Ordinance of Sequestrations is appointed for Papists.

And for the better discovery of such Delinquents and Papists, in this, and the said former Ordinance described, and of their estates, Be it further Ordained, by the said Lords and Commons, That over and besides the former power given by the said Ordinance of Sequestration to the persons trusted and imployed in the said Service, the said Committees for Sequestrations, or any two or more of them respectively, shall have power further hereby, to examine by Oath or otherwise, all and every person or persons (other then the parties themselves so declared to be Delinquents) that probably may be able to discover such Delinquents and Papists, or that may be trusted with, or privy to the keeping or concealing of the goods or estates of any such delinquent or Papist, or that shall owe any thing to any such delinquent or Papist, and such as shall refuse so to be examined, or to declare the whole truth therein, so farre as he shall be so required, shall be committed to safe Custodie by the said Committee, or any two or more of them, imployed for their examinations, till he or they shall conform him, her, or themselves,

And

And that such person or persons as shall first
 finde out, and discovered one or both Houses
 of Parliament, or any Committee quiboned
 for this Service; or any of their Agents or Offi-
 cers, any such Money, Goods, Debts, or Estates
 (if the same be embazelled, cloynd, concealed, or
 conveyed away, as aforesaid) shall do therein an
 acceptable service to the Common-wealth; and
 shall have and receive for his pains therein 10. shillings
 every twenty shillings so discovered after Seizure
 or Sale thereof made, and receipt of the money
 arising thereupon, or out of the Rents due there to
 discovered, the same to be paid unto him by the
 respective Committees, or Treasurers entrusted with
 the moneys that shall be received upon the Sale,
 or Proceed thereof; without any further or
 other Warrant, and shall further receive such other
 reward for his extraordinary service therein, as
 by the said L. O. R. D. S. and C. O. M. M. O. N. S.
 shall be further appointed and Ordered; And
 for the more speedy and effectual Seizure, and
 obtaining possession of all such Debts, Goods, and
 estates, as aforesaid, discovered, or to be discov-
 ered.

It is further Ordained, That over and be-
 sides the Power given by the said former Or-
 dinance for Sequestration, the severall and re-
 spective C O M M I T T E E S appointed
 for this Service, or any two, or more of them,
 shall hereby have Power to authorize their se-
 verall Collectours, and Agents, employed here-
 in, to breake open all Locks, Bolts, Bars,
 Doores,

dore, or other strength whatsoever, where any such estates, money, or goods are or shall be, upon probable grounds made appeare to the said Committee or any two of them, and by them allowed in writing under their hands, to be provided that some or one of the said Committee, or the Solicitor or Constable, or some other known Officer of that County or Place, and one other person or persons of credit and trust be present at the doing thereof, and it is further ordained, that an exact Inventory, subscribed by all their hands, be taken of all particulars whatsoever, which shall be seized by virtue of these Ordinances, and one part of the said Inventory in writing so subscribed, delivered to the owner or owners of the said money, goods, or estates, or other things so Inventoried, or to some person trusted with the keeping thereof. And that where any Rents, Debts, or Estate pertaining to any Delinquent or Papist within this or the said former Ordinance for sequestration shall be found due, and the Debtor refuseth or neglecteth to pay the same, upon any pretence whatsoever, reasonable time being given to provide it, after it be come payable, and demand thereof made, the said Committee, their Collectors or other Agents whom they shall authorize thereunto under their hands in writing, shall hereby have power to distraine, seize, carry away, and sell so much of the goods and estate of every such person so refusing or neglecting as aforesaid, as may fully satisfy the said Rents, or other Debts, together with all charges of seizure, removal, and sale of goods for satisfaction of the said Rents, or Debts: And if any person or persons

any shall stand out or forbear to make payment of
 any summe or summes of money which he or they
 ought to pay by virtue of this or any other Ordinance of
 both Houses of Parliament whatsoever, made for the
 raising of money, untill a distress bee taken for the
 same; that then he or they so standing out or for-
 bearing, shall pay such double charges for all such ser-
 vices, removeall, and sale of their goods, as the Com-
 mittee or any two or more of them respectively shall
 allow or appoint; the same to bee levied and taken
 out of the goods and estates of such persons so stan-
 ding out or forbearing, by such as shall be employed
 to distraine for, and seize the principall summe. And
 if any person or persons shall undertake for the forth-
 coming of any goods or estate at any time seized
 by force of this or the said former Ordinance, all
 and every the said goods or estate shall be particular-
 ly inventories, and the Inventory thereof signed and
 subscribed by three or more persons of credit, and after
 given in to the Committee, under whom the persons
 making the seizure shall bee employed; and if it shall
 after happen, that any of the said goods or estate bee
 imbezilled or wanting, or be denied or refused, or not
 delivered to the said respective Committee, or to their
 Collectors, requiring the same by order of the said
 Committee, or any two or more of them respectively,
 that then the said Committee, or such as they shall au-
 thorize thence, shall have power to seize, carry away,
 and sell so much of such undertaken goods or perso-
 nall estate, and profits of his Lands and Tenements, as
 may fully satisfie for the goods or estate so wanting,
 imbezilled.

imployed, or not imployed, and also so much double
 charges for the same, savings, and sale of the said im-
 poverished goods or estate so to be seized and sold, as the
 said Committee, or any two or more of them, shall
 allow. And for the better enabling of the said severall Com-
 mittees and their Agents to make sale of all such goods
 and estates, as are and shall be by them seized and se-
 pointed to be sold by this or the said former Ordinances.
 It is further declared and ordained, that after the ap-
 portioning and setting out of some necessary main-
 tenance (if not designed) for the wives and children of
 such Delinquents whose goods and estates are and shall
 be seized (which allowance or maintenance the said se-
 verall and respective Committees, or any two or more
 of them respectively, shall thereby have power to make,
 for as they allow not the wife and children of one De-
 linquent above one fifth part of his goods and estate so
 seized) they shall authorize and require their Collectors
 and Agents to make sale of the residue or remainder of
 the said goods by the Auction formerly used, to be
 paid up at the delivery of the goods to sold, within ten
 dayes after the seizure thereof, giving notice of the
 said sale in writing upon some posts or walls in
 the most open and eminent places near the place
 of sale two dayes before the said sale, due appraisment
 being first made thereof by two skillfull appraisors,
 being men of some quality, and known integrity, from
 time to time to be chosen with the advice of the Solli-
 citor for sequestration, by the Committee trusted with
 the execution of this Ordinance.

the seizure and sale of the said goods, which appraisement shall be made in the presence of some of the said Committees, Solicitors or Treasurers of the said County, City, or place respectively, and now otherwise. And for the more speedy dispatch hereof, it is further ordained, that the Committee of Lords and Commons for Sequestrations shall receive no information against the particular Committee of any County, City, or place for Sequestrations in any cause of this kinde, till the matter hath first bene certified under the hands of two or more of the said respective Committees by whole Agents and Ministers (the goods or estate of the Delinquent were seized) Or in case the said Committees refuse to certify the speciall matter, or that otherwise Certificate cannot be had. And bee it ordained, that honest able and sufficient Collectors bee appointed in every County, City, and place for this service, and their neglect or defaults be certified to the Houses, or to the Committee of Lords and Commons for Sequestrations. And that all and every person or persons, who shall be employed in this service, or shall be furnishing in pursuance of this or the said former Ordinances for Sequestrations, shall therein have whole protection of both Houses of Parliament for their Indemnity, and bee held and esteemed as persons doing an acceptable service to the Commonwealth. And it is further ordained, that every Collector within every County, City and place respectively, who shall receive any money in kinde, or make sale of any goods, shall deliver the moneys so received or raised

sed by sales, to the Committee for sequestrations within the said County, City, or place, where such moneys shall be received, or to such Treasurer as they shall appoint, or other person authorized to receive the same within seven dayes next after the said Collectors receipt thereof, upon paine of forfeiture of twelke pence for every twenty shillings, received or levied by sale as aforesaid, and remaining in his or their hands, which Committee or Treasurer, shall take order for the safe sending of all, and every summe so received to the Treasurer at Guild-Hall in London appointed for this purpose, Monthly, or more often, as they shall bee thereunto required by the said Treasurers at Guild-Hall, or by the said Committee of Lords and Commons for Sequestrations, or by the Committee of Lords and Commons for advance of moneys; and that the severall Committees, Collectors, and Treasurers respectively, shall have power to give acquittances and discharges for the severall sums by them received, which shall bee sufficient discharges to the parties concerned in that behalfe.

And it is further ordained and declared, That Master *Hobson*, Master *Bernardison*, Master *Hill*, and Master *Samuel Avery*, Citizens of London, shall bee and are hereby appointed, and authorized to be Treasurers at Guild-Hall London, to receive all moneys raised and to be raised upon, or by vertue of this, or the said former Ordinance for Sequestrations, and shall make entries thereof in faire books to be provided for that purpose, as also of the names of the persons, from whom,

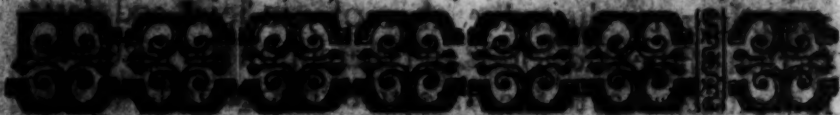
and the time when they receive the same, and of their disbursements and payments out; for which their paines and service, they shall have three pence in every pound, which they shall so receive to be debated out of the said summes received.

And it is further ordained that no Treasurers trusted with any part of the said moneys, shall issue out any of the said moneys by way of payment, loan, or otherwise, (except as in this Ordinance is appointed) otherwise then and in such manner as is directed by former Ordinance for issuing out of moneys; and for the more exact and perfect keeping of all accounts touching the premises; it is yet further ordained, that every Collector shall from time to time, make and keep a true and perfect Inventory of all and every the moneys, goods, and estates by him seized, another of the sale or other disposall thereof; both of which shall be subscribed under the hands of two or more persons of credit that were present at the said seizures or sales, besides his own, and that he make and ingrosse a duplicate thereof in parchment, fairly written, one part whereof he shall leave with the particular Committee, under which he is employed; and the other part after examination thereof, he shall deliver to the Solicitor for that place, who shall transmit the same to the Committee of Lords and Commons for advance of money subscribed by the said Solicitor, and Collector, and two of the said particular Committee of the place from whence it is transmitted, all which accounts and duplicates shall be made and sent up to *London* in such manner and so often

often as the said Committee of Lords and Commons for advance of money, shall from time to time order and appoint: Provided always, and be it ordained, that it shall be lawfull for the respective Committees for sequestrations, or any two or more of them to accept of ready mony for the goods of the said Delinquents or Papists, or any of them which shall or are to be seized according to the value thereof, in leiv and satisfaction of the said goods, and thereupon the seizure and sequestration, as to the same, to be discharged.

And bee it ordained that if any person shall wiltingly or willingly conceal and harbour any of the goods of any Delinquents within this or the said former Ordinance (he knowing such person to be a Delinquent) that then such persons shall forfeit treble the value thereof, to be levied upon his or their goods and estates, by the said respective Committee or Sequestrators, or any two or more of them, or their agents, to the uses appointed by the said Ordinances for Delinquents Estates.

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And as it is ordered that if any person shall wilfully or willingly **3461** be guilty of any offence within this or the said

Ordered by the Commons in Parliament assembled,

This Ordinance bee forthwith printed and published.

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